

REVISIT ANALYSIS OF MICROSATELLITE CONSTELLATION

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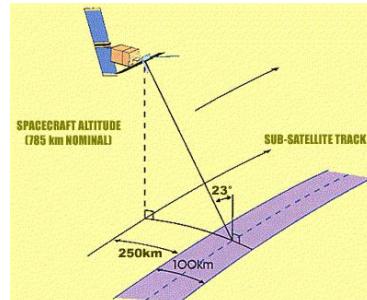
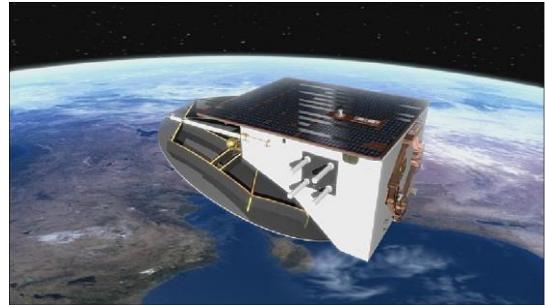
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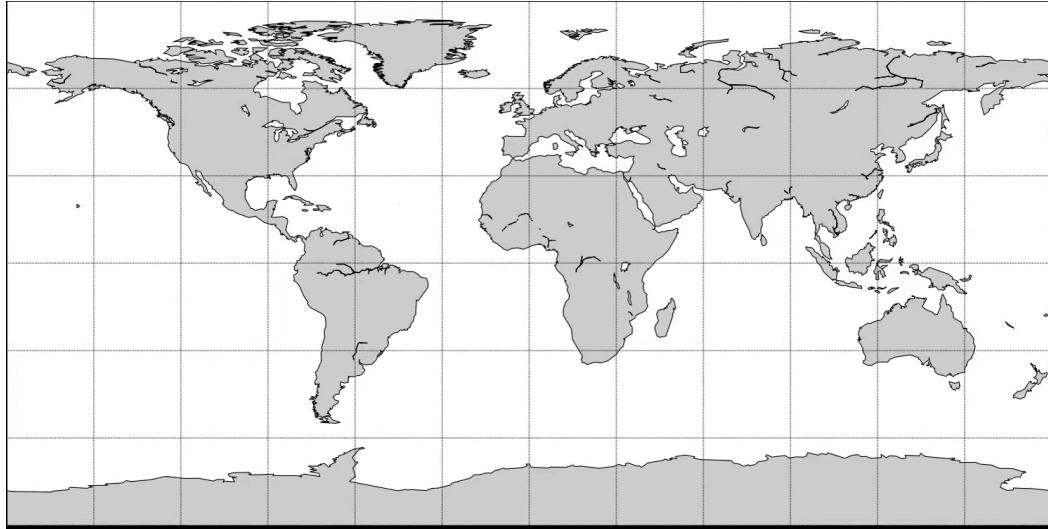
INTRODUCTION

- ▶ SARGUS Project : Synthetic Aperture Radar Payload Simulation
 - ▶ Model radar hardware
 - ▶ Raw data from signals
 - ▶ Image from raw data
 - ▶ Mission planning
 - ▶ Concept design



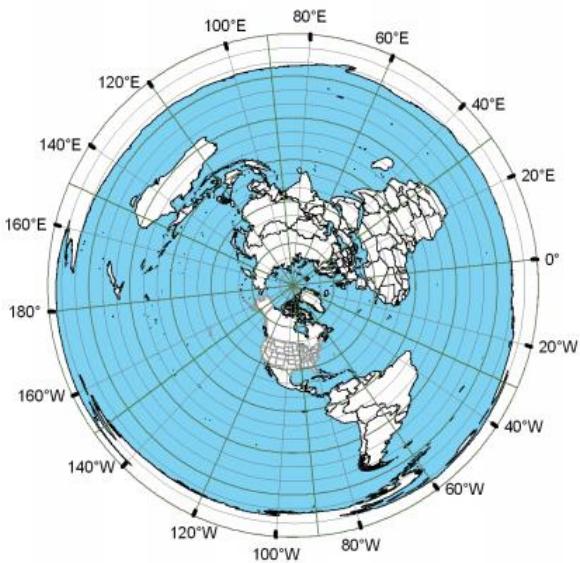
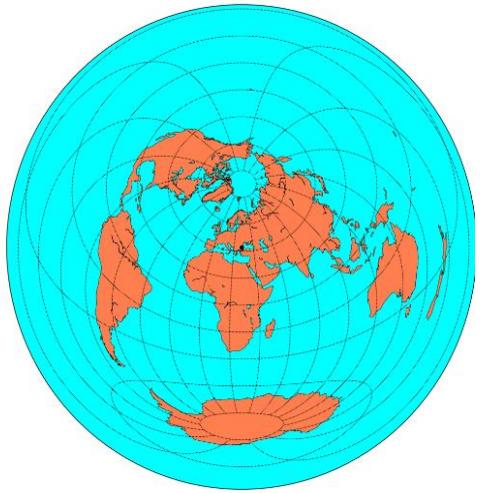
Orbit Propagator

- ▶ 2 Body Propagator & RK4 Solver
- ▶ SGP4 1.4– Python Package



Potential Swath Determination

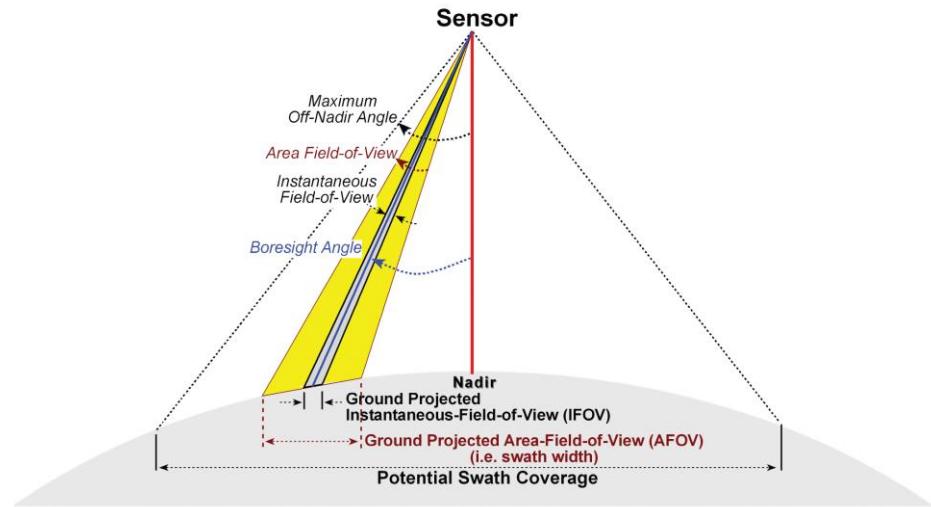
► Azimuthal Equidistant Map Projection



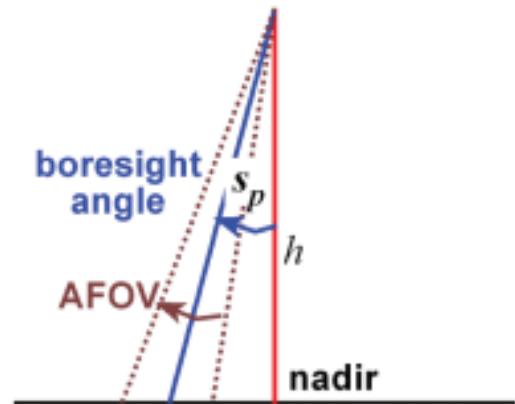
- Offered by «Hodgson and Kar»
- Distances measured from the center are true
- Directions from the center are true.

Potential Swath Determination

- ▶ Potential Swath :: off-nadir angle
- ▶ Planar Assumption

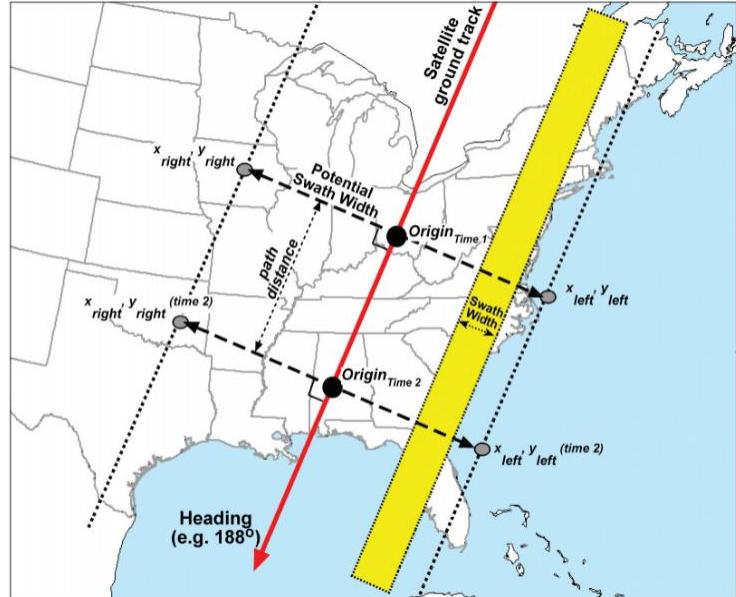


Planar Assumption
(Right triangle solution)



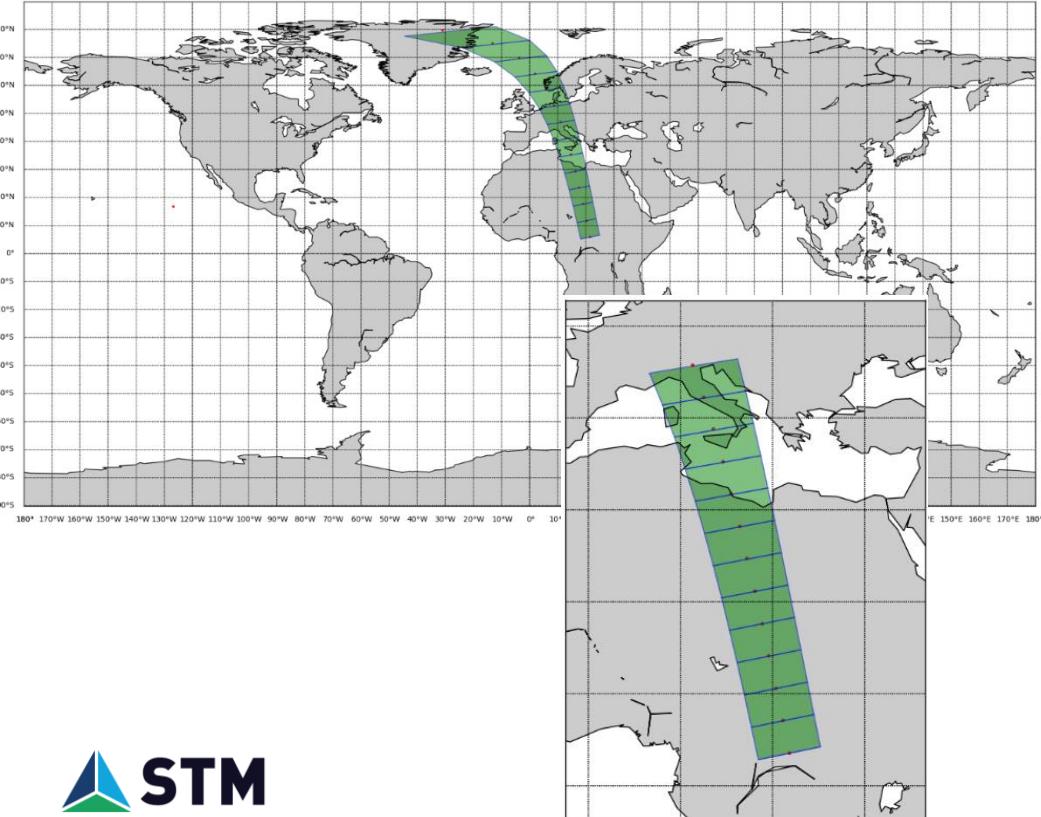
Hodgson, M. E., & Kar, B. (2008).

Potential Swath Determination



1. Collect satellite viewing geometry (off-nadir angle)
2. Model the position of satellite @ t1,t2...
3. Determine potential visible swath through times t1,t2,

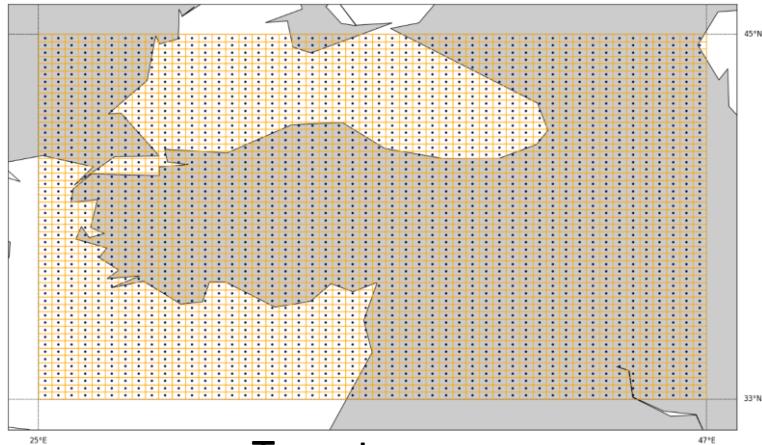
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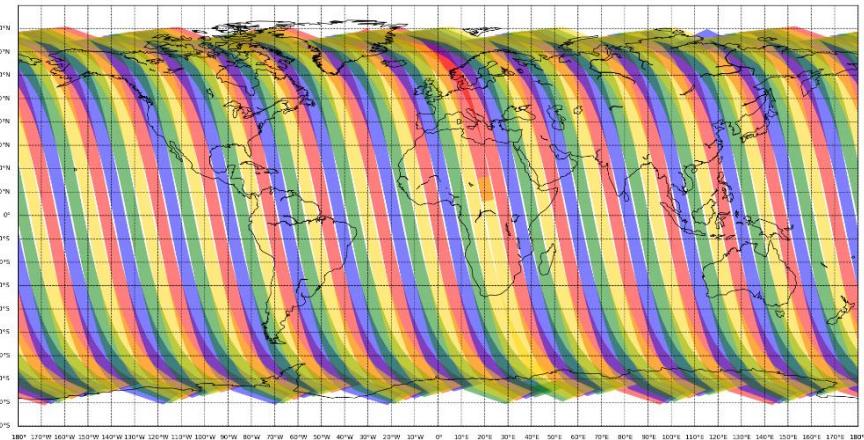
4. Integrate all potential swaths to form a potential swath coverage
5. Map the potential swath coverage with appropriate GIS context

Coverage Analysis

- ▶ Target Area Creation
- ▶ Potential Swath Polygon Creation
- ▶ Mapping SW polygon on target area



Target area



Potential swath polygon

MISSION STATEMENT

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Mission | Mapping, urban planning, research of forest vegetation and agricultural lands, disaster monitoring etc. |
| Coverage | 25°- 47° E & 34°- 43° N (Turkey and near region) Daily access |
| Daily Image Count | Continuous imaging during a pass within Turkey region |
| Image Specifications | PAN: 1.5 m GSD MS: 5-6 m GSD |
| Swath Width | Min 10 km x 10 km (Nadir direction) |
| Satellite Size | Has to have proper size in line with microsatellite & constellation concept |
| Reliability | >%95 in lifetime |

- ▶ Main assumption: Electro-Optic Payload with 1.5m GSD @ 550 km SSO
- ▶ Main requirement: Daily access for Turkey region

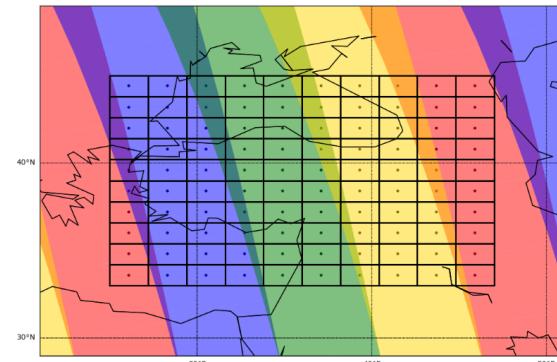
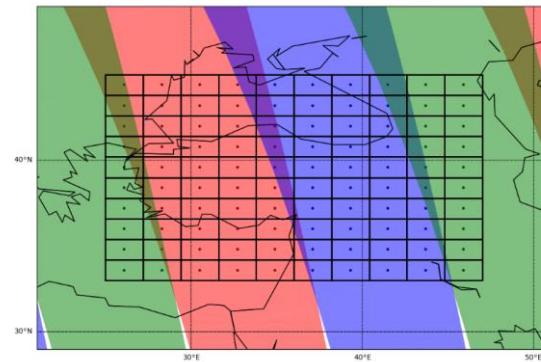
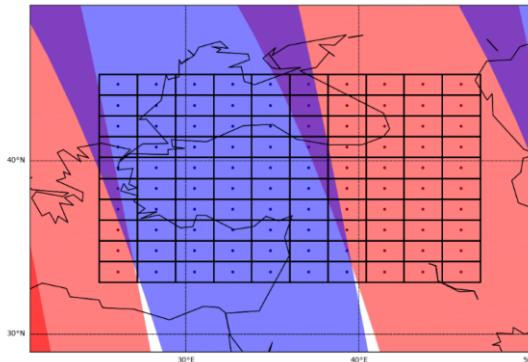
Constellation Configuration

Potential Swath Width required for Daily Access

$$V_{@33 \text{ North}} \approx 389 \text{ m/s}$$

$$L_{@97 \text{ min}} \approx 2281 \text{ km}$$

| # Sat | Req. Projection of swath at latitude 33 N (km) | Minimum Pot. Half Swath Width (km) |
|-------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 2281 | 1149 |
| 2 | 1140 | 575 |
| 3 | 760 | 383 |
| 4 | 570 | 287 |
| 5 | 456 | 230 |
| 6 | 380 | 192 |



Constellation Configuration

Swath width values according to altitude and off-nadir angle

| Altitude (km) | Half Swath Width (km) | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | 25° ona | 30° ona | 32,5° ona | 35° ona |
| 400 | 187 | 231 | 255 | 280 |
| 450 | 210 | 260 | 287 | 315 |
| 500 | 233 | 289 | 319 | 350 |
| 550 | 256 | 318 | 350 | 385 |
| 600 | 280 | 346 | 382 | 420 |
| 650 | 303 | 375 | 414 | 455 |
| 700 | 326 | 404 | 446 | 490 |
| 750 | 350 | 433 | 478 | 525 |
| 800 | 373 | 462 | 510 | 560 |

Constellation Configuration

Some constellation configurations with daily access ability

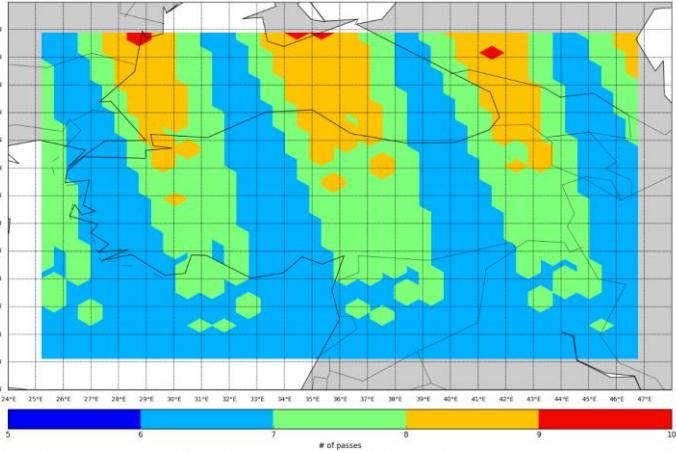
| | # of Satellite | Altitude (km) | LTAN | Off-Nadir Angle (°) |
|---------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Cons. 1 | 2 | 820 | 10:30 AM | 35 |
| Cons. 2 | 3 | 658 | 10:30 AM | 30 |
| Cons. 3 | 3 | 597 | 10:30 AM | 32.5 |
| Cons. 4 | 3 | 543 | 10:30 AM | 35 |
| Cons. 5 | 4 | 494 | 10:30 AM | 30 |
| Cons. 6 | 4 | 448 | 10:30 AM | 32.5 |
| Cons. 7 | 4 | 407 | 10:30 AM | 35 |
| Cons. 8 | 4 | 820 | 10:30 AM, 15:30 AM | 35 |

Imaging performance

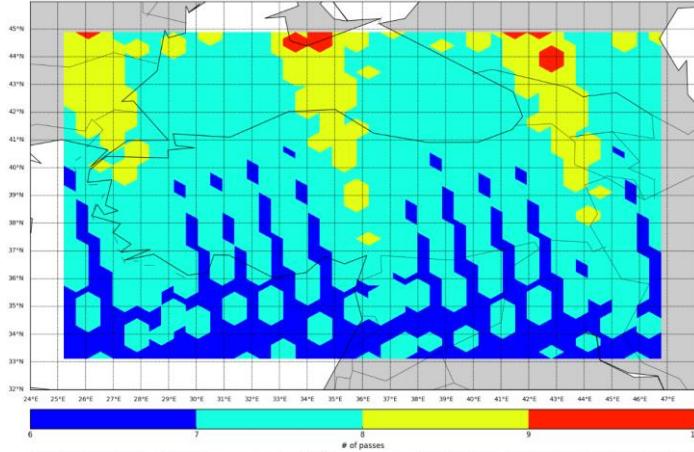
| Altitude (km) | ONA (°) | Expected GSD @ nadir (m) | Expected GSD @ boundary (m) |
|---------------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 820 | 35 | 2.22 | 2.71 |
| 658 | 30 | 1.79 | 2.07 |
| 597 | 32.5 | 1.63 | 1.93 |
| 543 | 35 | 1.48 | 1.81 |
| 494 | 30 | 1.35 | 1.56 |
| 448 | 32.5 | 1.22 | 1.45 |
| 407 | 35 | 1.11 | 1.36 |

Results - # of passes (7 days)

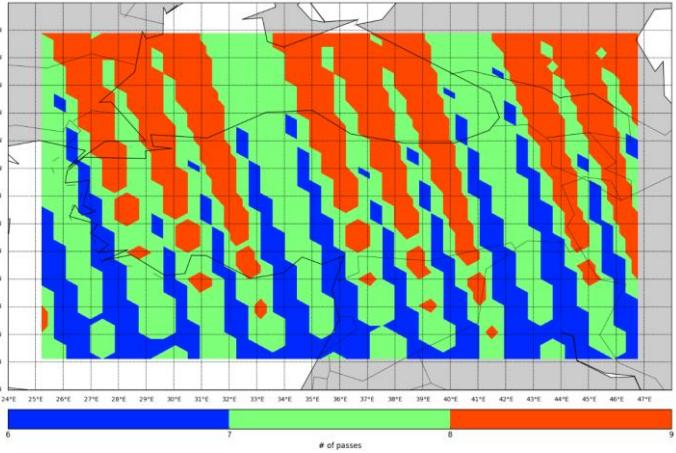
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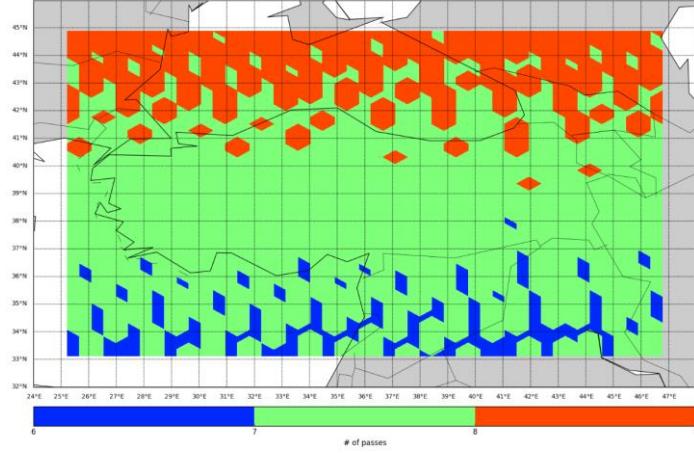
Cons. 2



Cons. 3

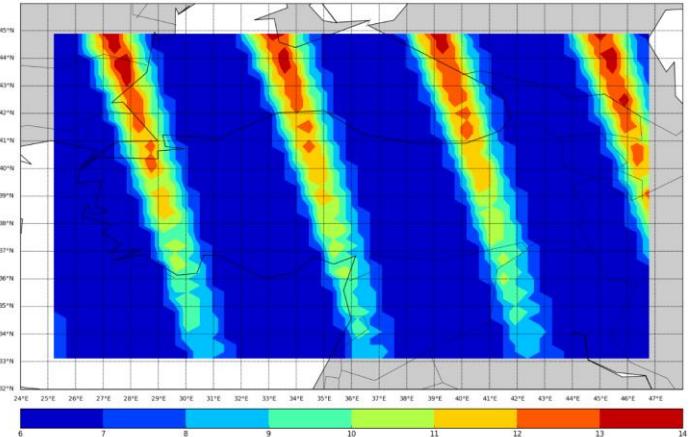


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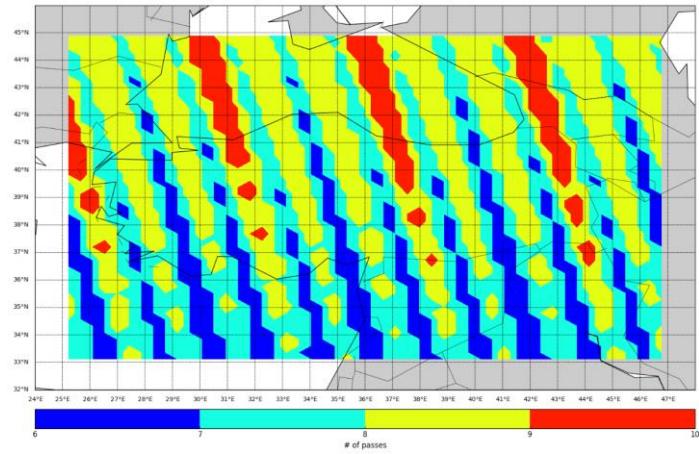


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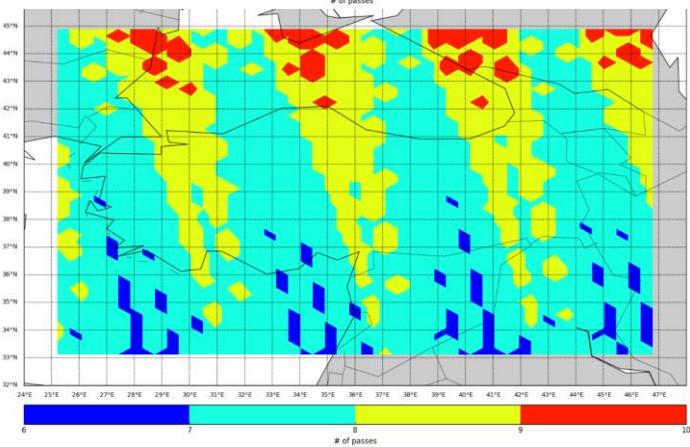
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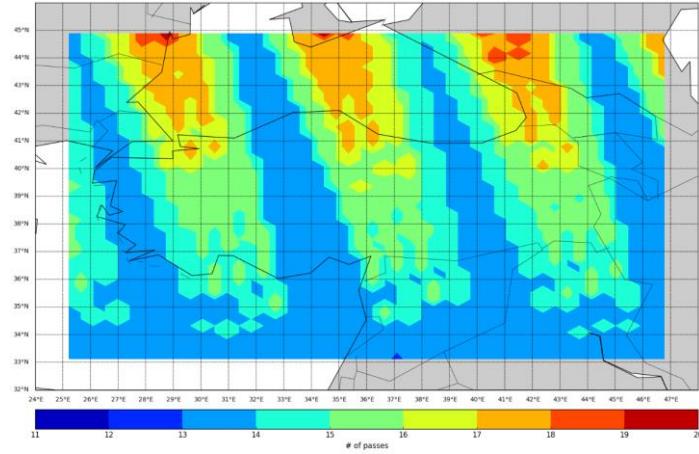
Cons. 6



Cons. 7

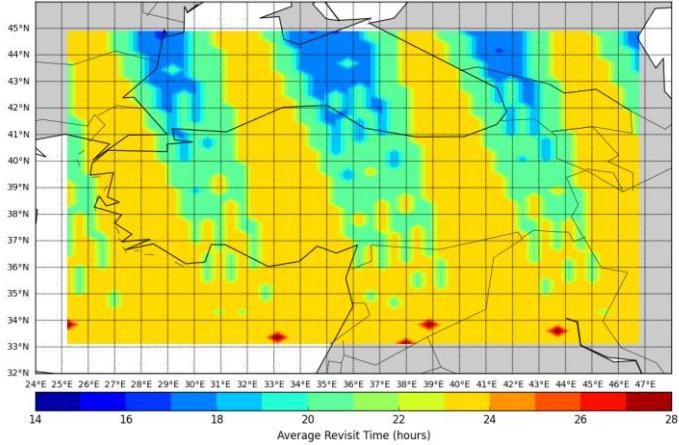


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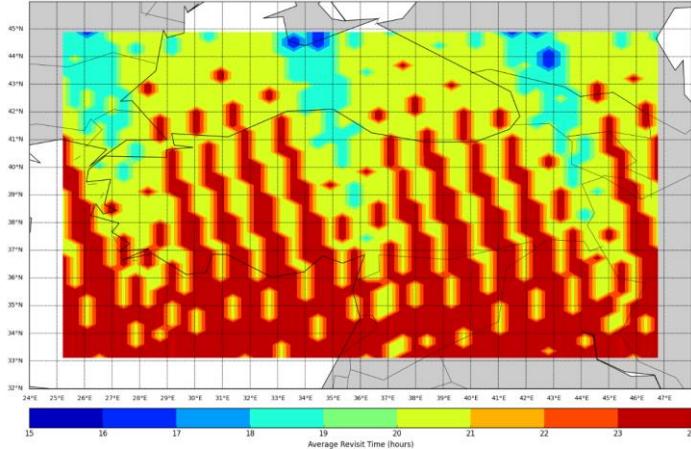


Results – Average Revisit Time (hours)

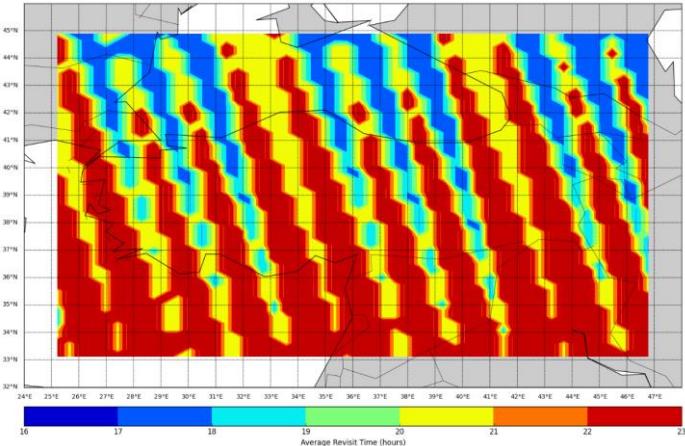
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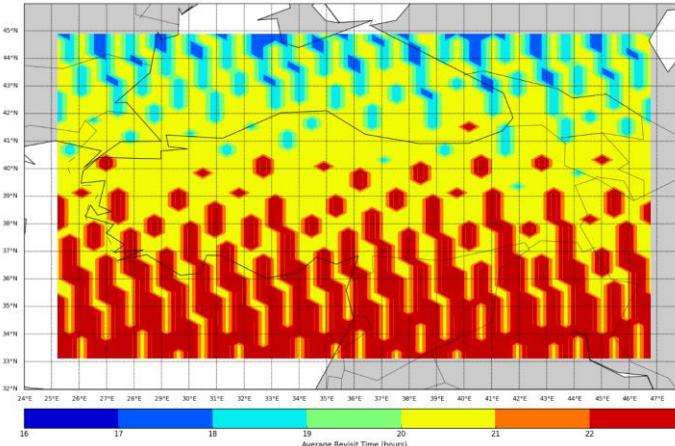
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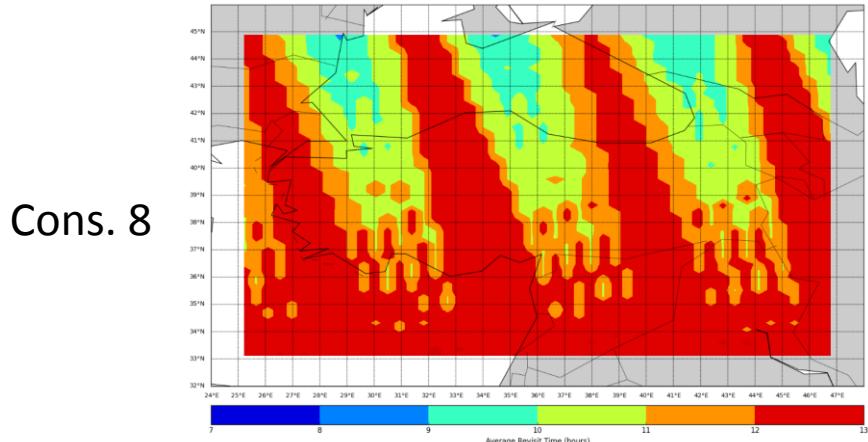
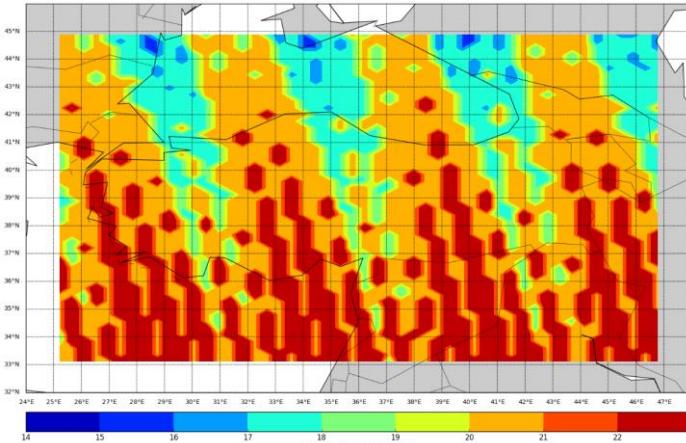
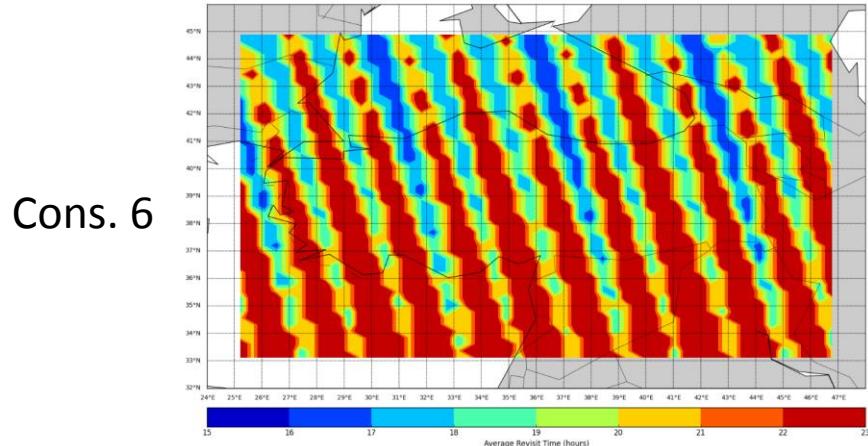
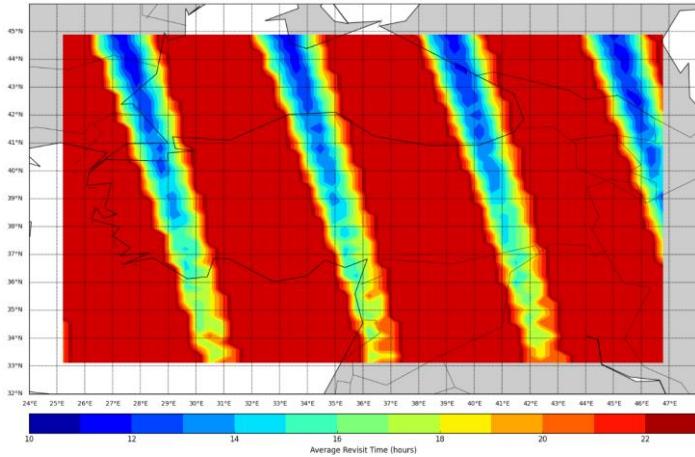
Cons. 3



Cons. 4



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